



Overview of November 2000 Community Design Workshops

Identifying Community Values

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Purpose of the Community Design Process

- Understand what are the most important community objectives to factor into the design process
- Understand the community's vision for a successful project
- Understand what ideas will address the community's principles and values
- Provide input from participants to design team and committees

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Who Participated

- Workshops were held in four communities:
 - Eastlake, Portage Bay, Roanoke, North Capitol hill neighborhoods (13 participants)
 - Montlake and Laurelhurst neighborhoods (15 participants)
 - Clyde Hill, Medina, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point, Kirkland, and northwest Bellevue (20 participants)
 - East Bellevue and Redmond (19 participants)
- Workshop participants were invited to represent the community – residents, businesses, community facilities
- Open houses were also held following workshops to receive public input

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What We Heard

- West side of the Lake – Seattle neighborhoods
 - Open spaces, such as parks and walkways, are important
 - Riding bicycles and walking is a valued community activity
 - Reconnect the neighborhoods across SR 520
 - Reduce noise, air, and water pollution from SR 520
 - Access to transit is important
 - Cut-through traffic disturbs residents and businesses
 - Preserve the residential feel of the neighborhoods
 - Reduce the demand for single occupant cars

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What We Heard

- West of I-405 to Lake Washington
 - Preserve a quiet, residential, and suburban community
 - More open space, parks, recreational facilities are desirable
 - Address the noise, air, and water pollution from SR 520
 - Protect and enhance the natural areas along SR 520
 - Reconnect the towns and cities across SR 520
 - Pedestrian and bicycle facilities are used by the community
 - Cut-through traffic prevents access for residences and businesses
 - Access to transit is desirable to residents

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What We Heard

- East of I-405 to Redmond
 - Promote 'quiet streets' near and on interchanges
 - Increase access for residents to SR 520
 - Recognize importance of transit to the community
 - Implement long-term solutions that protect the neighborhoods
 - Protect the natural areas along the corridor
 - Interest in exploring development over freeway

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What Happens Next

- Next series of workshops will be held on February 26, 27, 28 and March 1 to review potential design options for modal alternatives
- Final series of workshops held in late April to review potential design options for multi-modal alternatives